

To: Mylott, Richard[Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
Cc: Daguillard, Robert[Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
From: Hull, George
Sent: Mon 8/17/2015 5:44:52 PM
Subject: RE: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

Got. Sending to the reporter, now. - George

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 12:48 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert
Cc: Abrams, Dan; StClair, Christie; Hull, George; EOC Public Information; Press; MacIntyre, Mark; Grantham, Nancy
Subject: Re: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

It's posted on the website.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 17, 2015, at 10:32 AM, "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Haven't received the FAQ yet. Can someone please forward?

Thanks in advance, R.

From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:48 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert
Cc: Abrams, Dan; StClair, Christie; Hull, George; EOC Public Information; Press; MacIntyre, Mark; Grantham, Nancy
Subject: Re: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 17, 2015, at 8:05 AM, "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

The reporter is still prompting.

From: Abrams, Dan

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:05 AM

To: StClair, Christie

Cc: Daguillard, Robert; Mylott, Richard; Hull, George; EOC Public Information; Press; MacIntyre, Mark; Grantham, Nancy

Subject: Re: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

We believe George Hull responded. Did he not? We have a message from George at 3pm Friday that he did.

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On Aug 17, 2015, at 8:59 AM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

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On Aug 17, 2015, at 5:53 AM, "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

All, the reporter is prompting again. Here are the questions. Can we at least send the OSWER segment of the response?

“On the general state of tailings dams and mines. How many such storage facilities are there across the country? How does the EPA monitor the maintenance and condition of mines and dams that are holding contaminated water? Are abandoned mines, like Gold King, monitored?

It has been reported that the EPA has been trying to designate the area as a superfund area for some time. When was the idea first floated? Why was it unsuccessful? Does the EPA believe the spill would have occurred regardless of the lack of superfund designation? Would that have changed the way the clean up was undertaken (ie would there have been more money available and therefore less likelihood of a failure?)?”

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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 7:39 PM
To: StClair, Christie

Cc: Hull, George

Subject: Re: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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From: Hull, George

Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 5:01 PM

To: StClair, Christie; Daguiard, Robert; Press; EOC Public Information

Subject: RE: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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From: Christie StClair [<mailto:StClair.Christie@epamail.epa.gov>]
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 4:57 PM
To: Daguiard, Robert; Press
Subject: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

Rich, can you tackle these?

Christie St. Clair

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From: Daguiard, Robert
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 10:33 AM
To: StClair, Christie; Press
Subject: RE: EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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“It has been reported that the EPA has been trying to designate the area as a superfund area for some time. When was the idea first floated? Why was it unsuccessful? Does the EPA believe the spill would have occurred regardless of the lack of superfund designation? Would that have changed the way the clean up was undertaken (ie would there have been more money available and therefore less likelihood of a failure?)?”

From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2015 10:25 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert; Press
Subject: Re: EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

So do I need to do something here?

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On Aug 14, 2015, at 7:27 AM, "Robert Daguillard"
<Daguillard.Robert@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

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Obviously, it's great if JIC – presumably? - can respond to his questions on Animas River, but can we PLEASE get approval for the paragraph Nancy Cohen sent? Again, I forwarded this on Monday.

Thanks all, R.

From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 5:57 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert
Cc: Lee, Monica
Subject: Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 5:48 AM
To: Cohen, Nancy; Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-

Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard
Subject: RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos
River Spill

Thanks again, Nancy.

From: Cohen, Nancy
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 6:24 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert; Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-
Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard
Subject: RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos
River Spill

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Nancy Cohen

U.S. EPA OSWER

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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 11:31 AM
To: Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard; Cohen, Nancy
Subject: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminos River Spill

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From: Karl Mathiesen
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 7:45 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert
Subject: Guardian media enquiry

Hi Robert,

I'm a journalist with the Guardian writing a piece on the release from the Gold King Mine in Colorado.

I have a few questions on the background of the situation. Please do your best to answer them all.

On the general state of tailings dams and mines. How many such storage facilities are there across the country? How does the EPA monitor the maintenance and condition of mines and dams that are holding contaminated water? Are abandoned mines, like Gold King, monitored?

It has been reported that the EPA has been trying to designate the area as a superfund area for some time. When was the idea first floated? Why was it unsuccessful? Does the EPA believe the spill would have occurred regardless of the lack of superfund designation? Would that have changed the way the clean up was undertaken (ie would there have been more money available and therefore less likelihood of a failure?)?

Best,

Karl

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Karl Mathiesen

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